

QUICK REFERENCE PHLEBOTOMY GUIDE

Laboratory Blood Tube Collection

TEST	TUBE	DEPARTMENT
AFB Blood Culture	Bk	Microbiology
Ammonia	Gn	Chemistry
Basic/Comprehensive Panels	Yw	Chemistry
Blood Bank Testing	Pi	Blood Bank
Blood Cultures, Routine	Bl Pu	Microbiology
Blood Cultures, Pediatrics	Yw	Microbiology
B-NP	Pu	Chemistry
CBC with Diff	La	Hematology
CBC	La	Hematology
CPK	Yw	Chemistry
CPKMB/Troponin	Gn gel	Chemistry
D-Dimer	Bl	Hematology*
Electrolytes	Yw	Chemistry
Fibrinogen	Bl	Hematology*
Glucose	Yw	Chemistry

TEST	TUBE	DEPARTMENT
HCG	Yw	Chemistry
Hemoglobin/Hematocrit	La	Hematology
Hemoglobin A1c	La	Chemistry
Heparin, LMWH	Bl	Hematology*
Heparin, Unfractionated	Bl	Hematology*
Intact PTH	Yw	Chemistry
Lactate	Gy	Chemistry
Platelet Count	Lw	Hematology
Plavix	ST	Hematology*
Prothrombin Time (PT)	Bl	Hematology*
PSA	Yw	Chemistry
PTT	Bl	Hematology*
Retic	La	Hematology
Sed Rate/ESR	La Bk	Hematology*
Thyroid Tests	Rd	Chemistry

*Call Hematology at 2-3174

BLOOD CULTURES

Routine

- 5 – 10 mL / bottle
- Collect Aseptically
- Bl and Pu topped tubes are a set

AFB

- 5 – 10 mL / bottle
- Collect Aseptically
- Call Microbiology at 2-3125

Pediatrics

- 1 – 4 mL / bottle

BLOOD BANK TESTING

The Collector and Witness are required during collection

Use a 6 mL EDTA tube

Optional: La or Rd tops

ICE TRANSPORT

Ammonia and Lactate test samples require an ice transport

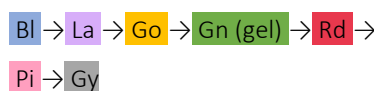
ORDER OF DRAW

Blood Cultures are always drawn first

When using the vacutainer system:



When using a syringe and safety transfer device:



Mix all tubes 4 to 5 times as soon as they are filled

HEMATOLOGY

The tube must be full for Sed Rate/ESR and Bl topped tubes

Call Hematology at 2-3174 for Bleeding Time and PFA

GUIDE KEY

CODE	COLOR or TUBE
Bl	Blue
Bk	Black
Gn	Green
Go	Gold
Gy	Gray
La	Lavender
Pi	Pink
Pu	Purple
Rd	Red
ST	Special Tube
Wh	White
Yw	Yellow

Review the **LABORATORY SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND HANDLING GUIDELINES** policy for detailed instructions of proper specimen collection, handling and transportation.